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1. MAJOR PART OF PRES' SPEECH BEFORE VFW CONVENTION AT NEW ORLEANS, AS TREATED AND EXCERPTED BY NYT, CONCERNED 1969 SECRET CAMBODIAN BOMBINGS. QUOTED PRES. DESCRIBING INDOCHINA SITUATION WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE AND POINTING OUT THAT NVN MADE MOCKERY OF CAMBODIAN NEUTRALITY BY OCCUPYING LARGE TRACTS NEAR VN BORDER FOR BASES AND SANCTUARIES. PRES. ADMITTED ORDERING BOMBING IN AREA OCCUPIED BY NVN AND UNINHABITED BY CAMBODIANS TO SAVE US LIVES AND SHORTEN WAR. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT OBJECT; ON CONTRARY, SIHANOUK INVITED PRES. TO MAKE STATE VISIT AFTER BOMBING HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME. FACTS CONCERNING BOMBING WERE DISCLOSED TO APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND US CASUALTIES DECLINED AS BOMBING WENT ON. IN ADDITION, ENEMY HAD ANOTHER INCENTIVE TO NEGOTIATE. RAIDS KEPT SECRET BECAUSE, IF ANNOUNCED, CAMBODIA WOULD HAVE HAD TO PROTEST AND BOMBING WOULD HAVE HAD TO STOP. PRES. ALSO REFERRED TO MINING OF HAIPHONG AND CHRISTMAS BOMBING OF HANOI, AND POINTED OUT THAT THESE DECISIONS WERE MADE TO BRING US

DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN WAR TO AN HONORABLE END. ADDED THAT NO FUTURE US PRES. SHOULD HAVE TO SEND AMERICANS INTO BATTLE WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND HIS BACK. DURING SPEECH PRES. READ A LETTER FROM A MAN WHO WROTE IN 1969 URGING THE BOMBING OF CAMBODIA AFTER RECEIVING LETTERS FROM HIS SOLDIER SON COMPLAINING OF ATTACKS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER. FOLLOWING HIS SON'S DEATH HE FELT THE PRES. HAD LET HIM DOWN. HE NOW BELIEVES THE PRES. MADE PROPER DECISION IN 1969.

2. MOST PAPERS FRONT-PAGE PRES' SPEECH, USUALLY EMPHASIZING HIS ADMISSION THAT HE ORDERED THE CAMBODIAN

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RAIDS. IN TOP STORY BECKMAN (CHITRIB) QUOTES PRES. THAT BOMBING SAVED LIVES, SEES SPEECH AS EMOTIONAL DEFENSE OF ADMINISTRATION SEA POLICIES, AND CITES PRES.' ANGRY REACTION TO ALLEGATIONS THAT BOMBING WAS KEPT SECRET FROM APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. SUSTAINED APPLAUSE THAT INTERRUPTED SPEECH SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED, AS WAS PRES.' ACCEPTANCE OF VFW PEACE AWARD. BOYD (PHINQ) EMPHASIZES PRES.' ADMISSION

HE ORDERED SECRET BOMBING, AND INTERPRETS SPEECH AS VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF WAR POLICIES AND COMMENTS THAT PRES. DID NOT MENTION FALSIFIED RECORDS OR THE SENDING OF FALSE INFORMATION TO CONGRESS. CANNON (WP) REPORTS PRES. USED SPEECH TO ACCUSE CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS CRITICS OF SEEKING TO "COP OUT" ON US GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THAT IN ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT ISSUED AT CONVENTION PRES. SAID BOMBING SECRECY WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. CARTER (NYDN) SAYS PRES. PROUD OF WHAT HE HAD DONE SINCE BOMBING HELPED SAVE US LIVES AND SPEED THE WAR'S END. CLYMER (SUN) OBSERVES THAT PRES. UNDER GREAT STRAIN AND QUOTES HIM THAT EVERYONE IN GOVT WHO HAD RIGHT TO KNOW OR NEED TO KNOW HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT BOMBING. HERBERS (NYT) REPORTS THAT PRES. SEEMED TO STUMBLE OVER WORDS, PART DEALING WITH CAMBODIA WAS CAREFULLY COMPOSED AND DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS IN ADVANCE BUT PRES. PARAPHRASED IT AND ADDED COMMENTS DURING SPEECH. HERBERS ALSO ASSERTS THAT PRES. ATTACKED CRITICS OF HIS WAR POLICIES IN HARsher THAN USUAL TERMS. STROUT (CSM) SEES SPEECH AS THE BEGINNING OF THE PRES.' COUNTEROFFENSIVE TO RECOUP ERODED PRESTIGE, AND COMMENTS THAT IT WAS RECEIVED WARMLY BY THE AUDIENCE.

3. PP QUIET AFTER BOMBINGS, BUT FEAR UP TO 1000 MORE TERRORISTS MAY BE IN CITY; NEW FIGHTING AT KOMPONG CHAM, SURROUNDED BY 4500 KI (UPI CHITRIB, WP, NYDN; SUN, AP). INSURGENT FORCES END 5-DAY LULL WITH ATTACKS
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AGAINST KOMPONG CHAM AND KOMPONG SPEU; FIGHTING AT SVAY ROLEM 6 MI FROM PP, WHERE KI HIT FANK COLUMN; KI REPULSED AT MUK KAMPOUL 10 MI N.OF PP. BROWNE (NYT) REPORTS INCREASED PRESSURE ON PROVINCIAL CAPITALS; ENEMY ATTACKS AT ANG SNOUL IN UNSUCCESSFUL BID TO INTERDICT HWAY 4 TO KOMPONG SOM. KOMPONG CHAM BEING REINFORCED BY C-123 AIRLIFT THOUGH GKR SAYS SITUATION THERE NOT SERIOUS. FORMER COMMANDER OF CAPTURED TOWN OF SKOUN, BETWEEN PP AND KOMPONG CHAM, RELIEVED AND SEVERELY PUNISHED FOR ABANDONING MEN UNDER FIRE. BECKER (WP) REPORTS FROM KOMPONG CHAM THAT IT IS NOW PRINCIPAL TARGET OF KI AND BEING REINFORCED BY 3 MORE FANK BATTALIONS. GKR SURPRISED SINCE ACCOMODATION PREVIOUSLY EXISTED THERE THAT LET RUBBER MOVE FROM KI AREAS TO PP. KI NOW WITHIN 5 MI OF CITY AND AIRPORT

UNDER FIRE. LOCAL FANK COMMANDER SAYS NOW ISOLATED, CLAIMS FACES 20 KI BATTALIONS, BUT KHMER AF SUPPORT NOT BAD. NO SUPPLY SHORTAGES EXIST YET, AND SOME FOODSTUFFS STILL COME IN FROM KI TERRITORY.

4. RIGHT-WING COUP ATTEMPT IN LAOS FAILS, ORDER RESTORED AFTER THAO MA DIES FOLLOWING CRASH OF HIS T-28 AT VIENTIANE AIRPORT FROM GROUND FIRE. COUP PLANNED BY RIGHT-WING MILITARY EXILES IN THAILAND; 14 LEADERS CAPTURED, SOME ESCAPE IN COMMANDEERED HELICOPTER, SEARCH CONTINUES FOR OTHERS. ABOUT 60 TOOK PART, BUT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ARMY AND AF OFFICERS MAY BE ARRESTED FOR COLLABORATING OR SYMPATHIZING. VIENTIANE UNDER CURFEW. AMEMBASSY SUPPORTS RLG, TAKES SERIOUS VIEW OF COUP ATTEMPT (UPI CHITRIB, NYDN). NEELD (PHINQ) SAYS VIENTIANE SHOWS LITTLE CONCERN AFTER 10-HOUR BATTLE. COUP LEADERS GRABBED 4 T-28S, BUT CASUALTIES LOW. COUP OCCURRED BECAUSE RIGHTISTS UNHAPPY WITH SOME CONCESSIONS MADE BY RLG IN CONNECTION WITH C-F AND COALITION GOVT. SUN (AP) ADDS THAT REBELS WORE BLUE AND WHITE ARMBANDS OR SCARVES FOR IDENTIFICATION. BURGESS (WP) FINDS CAPITAL QUIET AND GIVES BACKGROUND ON THAO MA WHO HAD FLED TO THAILAND AFTER FAILED COUP ATTEMPT IN 1966 WHERE HE JOINED A GROUP OF RIGHT-WING MILITARY EXILES. CONFUSION REIGNED DURING THE COUP ATTEMPT; SOME SUSPECT UNCLASSIFIED

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THAI INVOLVEMENT BUT RTG DENIES ANY PART. SHIPLER (NYT) CITES GROWING ANGER ON PART OF THE RIGHT-WING MILITARY OVER THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND BELIEVES COUP

FAILED BECAUSE DESPITE ANGER THE LAO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT STOOD BY THE RLG.

5. SOUTHERLAND (CSM) SAYS THAT BUNGLED LAOS COUP SHOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PL THOUGH CONCESSIONS BY RLG RANKLE RIGHT-WING MILITARY. RIGHTISTS SPLIT BY PERSONAL FEUDS AND REGIONAL LOYALTIES. SOUVANNA ENCOUNTERING NEW DIFFICULTIES IN FORMING POLITICAL AGREEMENT AND HAS INFORMED BOTH SIDES HE MAY RESIGN IF AGREEMENT NOT INITIALED SOON. DIFFERENCES INCLUDE DELINEATION OF AREAS OF CONTROL AND SECURITY MEASURES FOR PL TROOPS STATIONED IN RLG AREAS.

6. WIEDRICH (CHITRIB COLUMNIST VISITING EA) REPORTS THAT GEN. OUAN, ONE OF LAOS' MOST POWERFUL POLITICIANS, "MAKES NO BONES" ABOUT HIS UNHOLY ALLIANCE WITH LOCAL DRUG KING HU T'IENT HSING. LAOS IS SHIPPING

POINT FOR GOLDEN TRIANGLE OPIUM AND WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION ASSOCIATED WITH TRADE. CHINESE SMUGGLERS WORRY ABOUT UNCERTAIN FUTURE SINCE CAUGHT BETWEEN US PRESSURE ON RLG TO CRUSH TRADE AND POSSIBILITY OF PURITANICAL RED REGIME THAT MIGHT ACT AGAINST THEM.

7. GVN REPORTS 65 VC AND 5 GOVT TROOPS KILLED IN SUNDAY ATTACK ON DELTA MILITIA POST 75 MI SW OF SAIGON (SUN, AP). HUE POSITIONS SHELLED FOR FOURTH DAY; REDS ATTACK ARVN POSTS NEAR AN LOC; HEAVY ROCKET BARRAGES ON ARVN POSITIONS NEAR KONTUM (UPI NYT, WP).

8. FISKE (NYT) DESCRIBES PLIGHT OF VN'S ESTIMATED 25,000 CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES AND EFFORTS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO MAKE ADOPTION EASIER. GVN IN PAST OPPOSED TO OVERSEAS ADOPTION BUT MAY BE CHANGING UNDER PRESSURE. AID WORKING WITH AGENCIES TO FACILITATE PLACEMENT OF 500 AFRO-ASIAN ORPHANS FATHERED BY AMERICANS.
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9. LESLIE (PHINQ) DESCRIBES CHAOS CREATED BY HASTE IN RESETTLING REFUGEES. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SPUR GVN TO MAKE REFUGEES SELF-SUPPORTING BUT OVERCROWDING AND HEALTH PROBLEMS AT RESETTLEMENT SITES FORCE MANY TO RETURN TO PRG TERRITORY.

10. MARKHAM (NYT) REPORTS THIEU FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL PRESSURE AND OTHER CURBS ON SURVIVING SAIGON NEWSPAPERS. LIMITS OF ACCEPTABLE OPINION NARROW AND SEIZURE MAY FOLLOW TRANSGRESSION. LAW LIBERAL BUT CRACKDOWN

STARTED IN LATE 69 AND WAS INCREASED BY MID-1972 EMERGENCY POWERS. DEPOSITS REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE FINES AND COURT COSTS. CENSORSHIP MANDATORY. GVN ASSERTS THAT COUNTRY IS AT WAR AND CONTROLS NECESSARY.

THAILAND

11. RTG FORNMINISTRY SPOKESMAN DISCLOSES THANOM MESSAGE TO SOUVANNA PHOUMA PLEDGING CONTINUED THAI SUPPORT FOR RLG. RTG ALSO ISSUES STATEMENT DENYING FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING THAT IT SUPPORTED ATTEMPTED COUP (REUTER, NYT).

CHINA

12. PRES., IN VFW SPEECH, TERMED HIS PRC VISIT A "LOOKING TO THE FUTURE." STRESSING THAT 25 YEARS FROM NOW "ONE BILLION OF THE ABLEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE GOING TO BE LIVING THERE," HE SAID: "IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE STEPS BE TAKEN NOW TO SEE TO IT THAT WE BUILD THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE WHERE THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE IN CONFRONTATION" WITH PRC OR USSR (NYT EXCERPT).

13. ANDELMAN (NYT) REPORTS THAT AS RESULT OF PRES.' CHINA TRIP AND INITIATIVES BY US SCHOLARS AND LIBRARIANS, "SCORES OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS AND MICROFILMS -- UNCLASSIFIED

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RANGING FROM TEXTS ON ACUPUNCTURE TO THE MUSIC, LIBRETTOS AND CHOREOGRAPHIES OF CHINESE OPERAS AND BALLETS -- HAVE BEGUN TO FLOW BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY IN PEKING AND LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES." EARLIER RECEIPTS HAD BEEN SPARSE AND CHIEFLY PROPAGANDA.

14. USDA REPORT SHOWS PRC HAS BOUGHT AT LEAST 755,000 BALES OF US COTTON FOR DELIVERY THROUGH NEXT SUMMER -- FAR MORE THAN USG OFFICIALS WOULD CONFIRM A FEW WEEKS AGO (AP, NYT).

JAPAN

15. MOTOROLA INC. ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH JAPANESE COMPANY TO MARKET 25-INCH COLOR TV SETS IN TOKYO. FIRM SAYS ITS QUASAR MODELS WILL BE FIRST MAJOR-BRAND LARGE-SCREEN TVS SOLD IN JAPAN BY US MANUFACTURER (WSJ; AP, WP; FULLER, JOC).

16. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS TEAM OF TOP-LEVEL BOEING EXECUTIVES DUE ARRIVE THERE TODAY FOR TALKS WITH GOJ LEADERS AND REPS OF JAPANESE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF MEDIUM-RANGE JET TO REPLACE 727.

17. MITI SAYS JAPANESE EXPORT CONTROLS ON 20 MAJOR ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED EXPIRE ON SCHEDULE END OF AUGUST (AP, WP; WSJ).

18. TASS ANNOUNCES TANAKA WILL MAKE OFFICIAL USSR VISIT EARLY NEXT FALL (CSM).

KOREA

19. NK LABELS "GROUNDLESS" REPORTS THAT ITS PILOTS
ARE FLYING JET-FIGHTERS FOR EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE (WP).

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20. GOP MILITARY AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF
GERARDO ESPINAS, REGIONAL POLITICAL LEADER AND CHAIRMAN
OF NPA AND PHIL COMMUNIST PARTY ORGBURO (AP, NYDN).

OTHER

21. AP REPORTS US OFFICIALS SAYING GODLEY
TO BE APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA.

COMMENT/ANALYSIS

22. SUN, NOTING GKR'S VIEW THAT KI TURNING TO TERRORISM
IN PP HAVING FAILED IN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CITY,
SAYS NO ONE KNOWS INSURGENTS' STRATEGY, ALTHOUGH
OBVIOUSLY PP IS THE GREAT PRIZE IN CAMBODIA WHERE
SYMBOLS MEAN MUCH. ONLY THING TO DO IS TO AWAIT
EVENTS, AS PP IS DOING.

23. CSM EXPRESSES VIEW THAT PRESIDENT'S ATTEMPT
TO BLAME CONGRESS IF CAMBODIA FALLS DOESN'T HOLD
WATER. POSSIBILITY THAT CAMBODIA WOULD SLIP FROM
WESTERN ASSOCIATIONS INTO GRIP OF NVN OR LOCAL COMMUNISTS,
OR BOTH, HAS BEEN RISING FROM MOMENT LON NOL FACTION
OVERTHREW SIHANOUK. FROM THAT MOMENT COMMUNISTS
HAVE WORKED TO WIN WHOLE COUNTRY AND GROWN STRONGER
AS US INTERVENTION INCREASED. ON OTHER HAND, COMMUNISTS
DID POORLY DURING NEUTRALIST PERIOD UNDER SIHANOUK.
THERE IS NOTHING TO SUSTAIN PRESIDENT'S THEORY THAT

BOMBING OR THREAT CAN HELP SAVE ANTICOMMUNISM IN
CAMBODIA. IF CAMBODIA IS SAVED BY REVIVED NEUTRALISM
IT WON'T BE BECAUSE OF US BOMBS - PAST OR FUTURE.
IF SAVED IT WILL BE BECAUSE PEKING DOESN'T WANT
HANOI TO CONTROL ALL OF INDOCHINA.

24. IN COMPLEMENTARY EDITORIAL, CSM NOTES CONDITIONS
IN LAOS WHICH ENHANCE PROSPECTS TO WORK OUT A VIABLE
PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ITS MAIN IDEOLOGICAL
FACTIONS.

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25. CSM'S JOE HARSCH SAYS THAT WHILE HANOI'S INTENTIONS TOWARD SVN ARE UNKNOWN, PEKING AND MOSCOW APPEAR TO BE APPLYING LEVERAGE TO RESTRAIN HANOI FROM OFFENSIVE. SEES EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AS UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON GENERAL VN SITUATION SINCE HANOI FORCES IN THEIR MOUNTAIN LINE NO LONGER NEED SUPPLIES THROUGH CAMBODIA; THEY GET ALL THEY NEED FROM NEW ROADS DOWN FROM THE NORTH.

26. S-N'S ORR KELLY (AUG. 20) REPORTS THAT SASC MAY BE RECEIVING "FAULTY" PENTAGON INFO ABOUT WEATHER MODIFICATION IN LAOS, AND PERHAPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AS IT DID ABOUT SECRET BOMBING IN CAMBODIA. RECALLS THAT IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS OVER PAST TWO YEARS, DOD OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED INVOLVEMENT IN "CERTAIN CLASSIFIED WEATHER MODIFICATION WORK"; THEY DENIED ATTEMPTS TO MODIFY WEATHER OVER NVN - LEAVING IMPLICATION

THAT ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO MAKE RAIN IN LAOS. RECALLS ALSO THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINED IN PENTAGON PAPERS DATED FEB. 21, 1967 REFERS TO THE "WEATHER MODIFICATION PROCESS PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFULLY TESTED AND EVALUATED" IN LAOS TO MAKE TRAVEL DIFFICULT ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTES; DOCUMENT ALSO SUGGESTED TO PRES. THAT "OPERATION POP EYE" BE STARTED AS WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM. NOTES THAT IN RESPONSE TO SEN. HUGHES' REQUEST LAST SPRING FOR COMPLETE RUNDOWN OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY DOD WITHIN PAST FIVE YEARS, PENTAGON MADE NO MENTION OF USE OF WEATHER MODIFICATION IN SEA.

27. CHITRIB SEES CONTINUING INSTABILITY IN INDOCHINA, CITING ABORTED COUP IN LAOS; NOTES ALSO THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTION HAS FAILED TO IMPOSE ANY SORT OF STABILITY IN THE AREA. REFERRING TO FALLACI INTERVIEW WITH SIHANOUK, SAYS ONE LESSON TO BE GLEANED IS THAT US MEDDLING TO AFFECT POLITICAL DISPOSITIONS IN

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NEW ORLEANS SPEECH OFFERED A SORRY DEMONSTRATION OF HOW HE MEANS TO PUT WATERGATE BEHIND HIM AND TO "GET ON WITH THE URGENT BUSINESS OF OUR NATION."

CONSIDERS HIS DEFENSE OF CAMBODIA POLICY "TENDENTIOUS, DEFENSIVE, JINGOISTIC," AND EXPRESSES BELIEF THAT PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT FROM HIM A PLAIN STATEMENT THAT THE US HAS DONE ALL THAT IT PROPERLY CAN TO FIGHT AT SIDE OF GVN AND GKR AND THAT IT IS PREPARED TO LIVE WITH WHATEVER ARE THE RESULTS OF LOCAL STRUGGLES THERE.

28. S-N'S BRADSHAW (AUG. 20) IN HONG KONG SEES DEFINITE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED PRC LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE BETWEEN RADICALS AND CONSERVATIVES HAVING REPERCUSSIONS ON SINO-US RELATIONS. MAOIST OFFENSIVE, WHOSE INDIRECT OPENING SHOTS WERE PERCEIVED AS EARLY AS LAST DECEMBER, ERUPTED WITH FRONTAL ASSAULT OF MASSED IDEOLOGICAL ARTILLERY BEGINNING AUGUST 6 IN SERIES OF PEKING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. DOMESTIC POLICY WAS FOCUS, BUT SNIPING AT CHOU'S FOREIGN POLICY FORMED SUBSIDIARY PART OF OFFENSIVE, WITH INDIRECT ATTACKS ON NEW SINO-US FRIENDSHIP WHICH BEGAN LAST JUNE BEING REPEATED A LITTLE HARDER AND MORE POINTEDLY. OBSERVES THAT CHOU GAVE PUBLIC CREDIT TO MAO FOR DECIDING IN 1971 TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US, AND MAO GAVE HIS PRESTIGE TO NEW US POLICY BY RECEIVING PRES. AND HAK. FINDS LITTLE INDICATION THAT MAO'S RADICAL SUPPORTERS AGREE WITH OR WOULD WANT TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY, NOTING THAT RADICALS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH AMERICAN RADICALS RATHER THAN ESTABLISHMENT FIGURES. ONE EXCEPTION WAS CHIANG CHING'S APPEARANCE AT BASKETBALL MATCH WITH VISITING US TEAM. RECALLS THAT DURING GPCR, RADICALS SUPPORTED LIN PIAO, WHO, WITH HIS ARMY DEPUTIES, CLEARLY EVIDENCED HOSTILITY TOWARD US, AND THAT MONTHS AFTER LIN HAD FALLEN, HIS LINE THAT US IS THE MAIN ENEMY WHILE PUTTING RELATIVELY LITTLE EMPHASIS ON USSR DANGER WAS BEING REPEATED BY SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AROUND CHINA. PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MEN SEEM TO HAVE FELT IT MORE IMPORTANT TO TRY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET ENEMY ON THE BORDER THAN HAVE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE DISTANT US WHICH COULD ONLY ANTAGONIZE THE SOVIETS. PAST UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSOCIATION SUGGESTS THAT RADICALS PROBABLY SHARE SOME OF THIS THINKING.

29. NYT'S DURDIN IN HONG KONG REFERS TO SIGNS THAT THE 10TH CCP CONGRESS MAY BE IN THE OFFING. DESCRIBING

FACTIONAL STRUGGLES SINCE THE GPCR AT LENGTH, DURDIN CONCLUDES THAT HOLDING OF PARTY CONGRESS COULD MEAN

THAT A STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN TOWARD THE UNITY THAT
1969 CONGRESS ASPIRED TO PROMOTE.

30. NYT'S HARRY SCHWARTZ SEES USSR RESATELLIZATION OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA FIVE YEARS AGO AS SETTling COLD WAR
IN EUROPE ON MOSCOW'S TERMS, BUT ASSERTS THAT WITH
PASSAGE OF TIME IT LOOKS INCREASINGLY AS THOUGH MOST
SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES OF THE CZECH RAPE WERE IN
ASIA. SAYS STRONG CASE CAN BE MADE THAT THE MOST
PROFOUND IMPACT WAS IN PEKING WHERE MAO AND CHOU
SAW SOVIET INVASION OF PRAGUE AS A PRACTICE MANEUVER
FOR A PLANNED INVASION OF CHINA. NOTES THAT EVENT
WAS FOLLOWED BY SWIFT ENDING OF GPCR, ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW ERA OF LAW, ORDER AND RAPID ECON DEVELOPMENT.
MORE FATEFULLY, WASHINGTON-PEKING SCHISM WAS ENDED.

31. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH "POLITICALLY AWARE"
SEOUL SOURCES, CSM'S POND GAINS COMPOSITE VIEW THAT
IF GOJ CONTINUES INSIST THAT ROKG RETURN KIM DAE
JUNG TO TOKYO AND IF PARK DOES NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF
WITH KIM KIDNAPPING, EFFECT OF INCIDENT COULD BE
TO HELP LIBERALIZE SK DOMESTIC POLITICS, MAKING IT
"MOVE TO A SYSTEM LESS LIKE A POLICE STATE AND MORE
LIKE A SEMI-OPEN" SOCIETY. "FIASCO OF THIS MAGNITUDE" --
WITH KCIA GENERALLY SEEN AS CULPRIT AND WITH GREAT
NOTORIETY FOR KIM -- LIKELY TO HAVE FAR-REACHING
EFFECTS IN SK POLITICS. ALREADY THERE ARE HINTS
OF STRENGTHENING OF MODERATES AS AGAINST DISCREDITED
AUTHORITARIANS AT SECOND-ECHELON OF LEADERSHIP.
KIM JONG PIL'S PERSONAL APOLOGY TO TANAKA COULD MEAN
DOWNGRADING OF KCIA DIRECTOR LEE HU RAK AND PARK'S
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